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SUBJECT: MEAT IMPORT PROGRAM: DEVELOPMENTS IN MAYAGUEZ

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1. THE EMBASSY IS AWARE FROM FASTO 462 OF USDA'S REGULATION GOVERNING THE IMPORTATION OF MEAT PROCESSED IN FOREIGN TRADE ZONES.

2. WASHINGTON AGENCIES HAVE LEARNED THAT ON OCTOBER 26, THE OWNERS OF AN ESTIMATED 8 MILLION POUNDS OF MEAT OF AUSTRALIAN ORIGIN, WHICH WAS AWAITING PROCESSING IN THE FOREIGN TRADE ZONE AT MAYAGUEZ, PUERTO RICO FOR SUBSEQUENT ENTRY INTO THE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF THE US, ENTERED THE MEAT INTO THE CUSTOMS TERRITORY IN UNPROCESSED FORM. CUSTOMS ROUTINELY CHARGED THIS QUANTITY OF MEAT AGAINST THE QUOTA OF AUSTRALIA. THE SAME DAY, THE EMBASSY OF AUSTRALIA IN WASHINGTON WAS IN TOUCH WITH WASHINGTON AGENCIES TO REGISTER ITS VIEW THAT SUCH MEAT SHIPPED TO A FOREIGN TRADE ZONE SHOULD BE DENIED ENTRY TO THE US IN AN UNPROCESSED

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FORM, BECAUSE THE BAN ON TRANSSHIPMENTS ISSUED PURSUANT TO A

BILATERAL AGREEMENT SHOULD HAVE PREVENTED THE ENTRY OF ANY MEAT NOT SHIPPED DIRECTLY TO THE US ON A THROUGH BILL OF LADING (STATE 13584). THE DEPARTMENT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY INFORMED, HOWEVER, THAT THE MEAT IN QUESTION WAS IN FACT SHIPPED ON A THROUGH BILL OF LADING WHICH SHOWED THE PORT OF

DISCHARGE AS MAYAGUEZ, PUERTO RICO AND MADE NO REFERENCE TO A FOREIGN TRADE ZONE. THE EMBASSY OF AUSTRALIA IN WASHINGTON AND THE NORTH AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVE OF THE AUSTRALIAN MEAT BOARD ARE AWARE OF THE FOREGOING INFORMATION WHILE REGISTERING UNHAPPINESS OVER A DEVELOPMENT WHICH HAS THE APPARENT EFFECT OF REDUCING AUSTRALIA'S ANTICIPATED ACCESS TO THE US MARKET IN 1976 BY SOME 8 MILLION POUNDS, THEY DO NOT SUGGEST THAT THERE IS ANY VIOLATION OF OUR AGREEMENTS OR THAT ANY AGENCY OF THE US GOVERNMENT ACTED IMPROPERLY IN THIS TRANSACTION. KISSINGER

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